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Interpreter's Insight

I'm sure most of you have heard that the State of Indiana is dealing with a fiscal crisis and that the Department of Natural Resources has been asked to cut spending. You probably already know that the area reservoirs closed certain campgrounds in order to meet the required reductions in the budget. These closures include Little Turtle Campground at Huntington, Miami SRA Primitive Campground at Mississinewa and Lost Bridge East Primitive Campground at Salamonie. Selected boat ramps are closed also.

Through the years, the properties have been asked to do without employees or cut their operating budgets several times. Despite the frequent financial squeezes, I believe that our employees have done a fantastic job of keeping up with the demands of restroom cleaning, mowing and the general maintenance of aging facilities at each of our properties.

This time, the reductions are so severe that we cannot continue to provide all of the quality services needed for the recreation season. We have lost the funds to pay some seasonal employees in the 2002-2003 fiscal year. Rather than reduce the quality of care for the entire property,

this smaller staff will concentrate on maintaining a smaller number of facilities at each property in a professional manner. Closing some campgrounds and boat ramps so that employees will not have to maintain those areas is the only choice.

What does this mean for the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services? So far, we have had a dozen phone calls and many comments of concern about the impact of the cuts on our programming. We appreciate your support. Like the properties, we have been required to cut our seasonal staff budget, and we have to adjust our programming since we won't be able to hire as many seasonal interpreters. During the recreation season, Memorial Day-Labor Day, 2002, we will offer three Saturday afternoon/evening programs each at Salamonie, Huntington, and Mississinewa including patch program. One or two programs will also be offered on Sunday late morning or early afternoon, depending on the availability of staff. This removes Friday evening programming that has been offered in the past.

Autumn Camping Weekend, our largest program, held at Mississinewa Reservoir for the last 14 years, will be impacted as well. As many of you know, it takes many people to pull off such a

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large event so that we all have a wonderful experience. We will have fewer than half of the interpretive staff that we had last year. In addition, Mississinewa Reservoir staff, who provide essential help each year in campground preparation, moving picnic tables, setting up tents and cleaning restrooms, can only provide limited assistance because of their seasonal staff reductions. As a result, we will reduce the programming offered through the weekend. Programs will include an interpretive talk with a family and children's craft, trick-or-treating, and of course, the famous chili dinner. We also hope to be able to offer a Friday night campfire program with Ginger Murphy, and other special guests on Saturday evening, and Sunday morning.

In order to continue Autumn Camping Weekend as a three-day event, we are going to need your help. Volunteers are needed to help with the craft program, and at least 20 volunteers are essential to help move picnic tables on Thursday evening and Sunday morning. Look for more details in the Autumn *InDepth* Newsletter.

We have truly enjoyed providing programs to all who have visited our properties over

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the years and it is our hope that there will be a light at the end of the tunnel in the future budget years. In the meantime, we believe that it is important for us to work together to establish a base of volunteer and financial support so future fiscal downturns will not impact our services so severely. To do that, we need your help.

Step up to the plate and take action to show your support for environmental education, interpretation and recreation. Volunteer to help with programming, greet visitors, or maintain the new Interpretive Center at Salamonie Reservoir. Adopt a trail on one of the three properties. Give financially to our donations account or help us purchase items on our wish list. Please give us a call and let us know how you can support our continued efforts to provide quality services for Mississinewa, Salamonie, and Huntington Reservoir visitors.

You are among the 1200 families who have requested this newsletter to keep up with happenings at the Upper Wabash Reservoirs. I also know that, because of your participation and your personal interest in environmental concerns, it is important to you that future

generations of Hoosiers will also be able to enjoy our state's natural resources. You can send a note or call your State Representative to let him or her know how much you enjoy the interpretive programs offered on all state properties. Send *us* a letter or an e-mail so we can document your support of our programs and natural resource management practices.

I have always believed in all of you who attend our programs. Your support has always been truly appreciated. And now, I believe that our personal connections to Planet Earth will inspire each of us to take action. Whether you volunteer, write a letter, donate or support us in some other way, you are creating a legacy for our children. That legacy will not only include enjoying natural resources and learning about them through interpretive programs and state property visits, it will also include voicing support for those resources and programs. Our children, who learn by example, will in turn take up the torch to make sure that there will be natural areas, animals and plants available for them to share with *their* children, our great grandchildren, in the future.

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Upcoming Events

We Need You

Financial and staff cutbacks make it necessary for us to ask **you** to get involved. Here is a list of descriptions for volunteers needed.

Call 260/468-2127 to grab the opportunity!

Interpretive Center

Greeters Description: Greet visitors who enter the center, keep visitor areas neat and tidy.

Housekeepers Description: Vacuum carpeting, sweep other floors, clean bathrooms and other.

Landscapers Description: Mowing and trimming with your own equipment, pulling weeds, cleaning parking lots and sidewalk.

Gardeners Description: Weeding butterfly/hummingbird garden, planting additional plants, assisting with other projects.

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Adopt-a-Trail Volunteers Description: Picking up trash, removing fallen limbs, repairing erosion. Groups/individuals can adopt entire trail or sections of trails.

Special Trail Projects Description: Putting in water bars, rerouting sections of trails, adding to length of trails. Great for Eagle projects, Gold Awards and service time for Scouts.

Program Presenters Description: Share your knowledge/talent with property visitors in a formal campground setting. Programs last between 30 and 45 minutes.

Scout Nights

Scouts are invited to attend a program tailored to your group at the Interpretive Center at Salamonie Reservoir.

Pre-registration is required.

Call for more information and schedule a visit.

Autumn Camping Weekend

Mississinewa Reservoir

October 4, 5, and 6

Join us for the fifteenth year of activities with a variety of events.

Volunteers are needed. Read more in Interpreters Insight on page 1.

Call 260/468-2127 to volunteer.

Senior Citizen's Afternoons

Bring a dish to share and enjoy fellowship and a meal. Meat is provided. 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

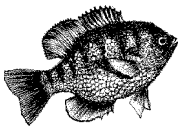
Pre-registration is requested.

Call for details.

July 1

August 5

September 9



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Spring Mill State Park
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Interpretive Center Scenes

The waiting, preparation and hard work of remodeling the nature center have built a crescendo of anticipation. Many visitors are enjoying the center and looking forward to installation of new exhibits by the end of the year. Here are a few scenes from the many events that are being held in the Salamonie Interpretive Center. Come out and enjoy the results!



Senior Citizens enjoy meeting on the first Monday of each month. They bring a carry-in meal and gain information from guest speakers and interpretive programs.



Groups such as this Scout pack call to set up programs about special topics.



Special guest, Kristy McNew led two walking stick carving workshops that were very popular.



The Interpretive Center presents an attractive addition to the natural environment in the Lost Bridge West Recreation Area at Salamonie Reservoir.



School groups from several counties participate in learning activities about the reservoirs' management and wildlife at the Interpretive Center. From left to right students observe wildlife at the bird window, build animal homes in the multipurpose room, and meet the turtles in the exhibit room.



The Salamonie Carving Club meets at the Interpretive Center on the second Monday of each month. Carving tools are available for your use and meetings often include information on a related topic.

Growth of a Gem

by Teresa Rody

With groundbreaking in 1962, Property Manager, Jim Bostwick has been a guiding presence through most of Mississinewa Reservoir's existence. I interviewed Jim, asking him to share a little about himself, the changes he has seen at Mississinewa, and his upcoming retirement plans.

After graduating from Purdue University, Jim began his career with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) as the property manager at Clark State Forest. Later he transferred from the Division of Forestry to the Division of Reservoirs.

Jim arrived at Mississinewa in October of 1969, having only missed one summer recreation season since the property had opened that same year.

The reservoir properties are owned by the Army Corps of Engineers and leased to the DNR. The ground now covered by the reservoir was privately owned before construction. Communities, cemeteries, and farms were relocated. This has provided countless numbers of Hoosiers with relief from flooding and has also provided untold numbers of

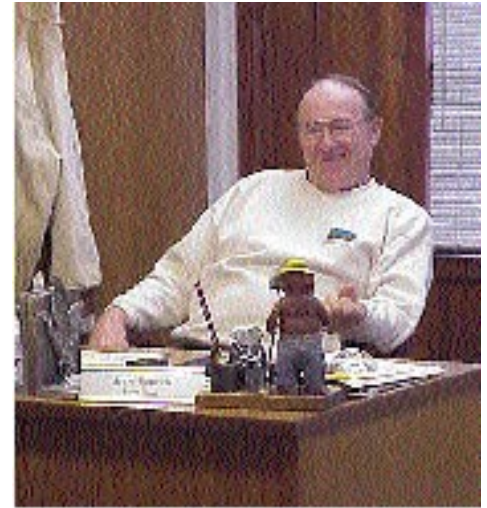
recreational opportunities since the reservoir construction.

The Corps of Engineers had already established the recreation areas and ramps providing access to the lake. Campground construction with 187 sites began on Jim's arrival. A wildlife management program was already in place, leasing ground back to area farmers for crop production and wildlife food.

Relating conditions when he first arrived, Jim mentioned that the property office was a construction trailer for the first couple of years. Notice the picture on this page of Jim in his younger days learning to be a brick mason as he constructed the property sign.

I was surprised to hear that thirty years ago the central office staff for the Division of Reservoirs consisted of only the director and two other employees. Jim said, "periodically, maybe once a month or so, each of us property managers would spend a day in Indianapolis helping out the central office staff." This shocked me. I wondered how smoothly this operation worked. Jim told me that this allowed him to make a lot of decisions at the property-level that are no longer possible. "For example," he stated, "there were no park planners at that time. If we needed a feature such as a shelter house, we just put it in." Now these types of additions would be analyzed and drawn up

by engineers before being installed.



Mississinewa Property Manager Jim Bostwick

When questioned about property milestones, Bostwick said, "Mississinewa began with attendance records of 347,000 in 1969. Attendance has expanded to more than 800,000 in recent years. Instead of large milestones, I have enjoyed being part of the gradual development of the property from a small start to what we have now."

Mississinewa has grown into a well-loved public property. With 17,880 acres of land and water, the property now offers modern and class B campsites, a swimming area, boat ramps and small boat access points. Some recreation facilities are temporarily unusable during repairs to the dam, but will be operational upon completion in 2005.

More than 9500 acres of resource management areas are used by over 19,000 hunters each year and uncounted other nature



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Growth of a Gem (Continued)

enthusiasts. Five hiking trails offer access to scenic views in remote areas. Families enjoy special attractions such as Autumn Camping Weekend, the Mississinewa 1812 reenactment, a disc golf course, model airport, and a marina. From humble beginnings, Jim Bostwick has guided a wealth of property staff and molded Mississinewa Reservoir into an incredible asset for the people of Indiana.

I asked Jim about some of the things that he considers most rewarding from his career at Mississinewa. He enjoys working with the public on a one-to-one basis and working with the natural resources to improve the land's productivity.

He felt it was very rewarding to work with the Mississinewa staff over the years and watch them develop professionally and personally. These old friends will be missed; Jim talked of them as extended family. Several of the employees at Mississinewa have approached 20 years of working at the property.

When I asked about his wishes for the future of the property, Jim revealed hopes that included funds for facilities and better pay for employees. He feels these employees are the resources that are irreplaceable.

Jim Bostwick and his wife Etta plan to move along the Ohio River near Lawrenceburg to be near grandchildren. His retirement plans include traveling out West. He also expects to spend time in his woodshop building wood and canvas canoes and kayaks. We wish Jim and his family the best for the future.

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